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DECLARATION UNDER 37C.F.R.1.132

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

1. I, Paul Mott, am a Sales Representative at Midland Paper Company, located at 1860 Elm Street S.E. Minneapolis, Minnesota. Midland Paper Company is a National Distributor of Fine Printing Paper, Packaging and Industrial Supplies.

2. My experience qualifies me to give an opinion as to the matters stated below. I have been in the paper industry field for 16 years. I have had extensive experience in both the technology and application of Photo Grade Papers. I have gained this knowledge through numerous training programs including, "PrintWise", "PaperWise", as well as successfully completing the Graphic Arts Foundation Program at California Polytechnic State University.

2. I have read and understood Patent No. 6,071,030.

3. I submit this Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 in order to demonstrate that Patent No. 6,071,030 does not teach or describe "photo-grade paper," as that term is used in the field.

4. Patent 6,071,030 describes paper that includes the specifications of 57# Vellum Bristol and 90# Index paper. Paper of this type is not marketed or sold in the industry as photo-grade paper. Although it is true that these papers will go through an ink jet or laser printer, the image quality of these grades is far less than any other photo grade paper I am aware of and would not meet current customer expectations for a grade labeled as photo quality.

5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

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United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

11/16/05
Date



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